

Message

From: Gaines, Jeff [Gaines.Jeff@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/9/2018 3:16:23 PM
To: Kohler, Amanda [Kohler.Amanda@epa.gov]
CC: Gerhard, Sasha [Gerhard.Sasha@epa.gov]; Shuster, Kenneth [Shuster.Kenneth@epa.gov]; Crosby-Vega, Terri [Crosby-Vega.Terri@epa.gov]; Galbraith, Michael [Galbraith.Michael@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Final Disposition, Appeal EPA-HQ-2018-003477 - letter back to Mr. Lustgarten letting him know of uncertainties/issues
Attachments: Lustgarten_MES_3.8.18.docx; Lustgarten_MES_3.8.18-appear response letter_JG_3.9.18.docx

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Thanks!

Jeff Gaines

Phone: 703-308-8655

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From: Shapiro, Melissa
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2018 11:47 AM
To: Gaines, Jeff <Gaines.Jeff@epa.gov>
Cc: Kohler, Amanda <Kohler.Amanda@epa.gov>; Ward, Valerie <Ward.Valerie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Final Disposition, Appeal EPA-HQ-2018-003477 -

Jeff,

See my track changes attached. Let me know if you have questions about my suggestions.

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1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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From: Gaines, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 10:20 AM

To: Shapiro, Melissa <shapiro.melissa@epa.gov>

Cc: Kohler, Amanda <Kohler.Amanda@epa.gov>; Ward, Valerie <Ward.Valerie@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Final Disposition, Appeal EPA-HQ-2018-003477 -

Amanda, Melissa,

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From: Shapiro, Melissa

Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 12:51 PM

To: Gaines, Jeff <Gaines.Jeff@epa.gov>

Cc: Kohler, Amanda <Kohler.Amanda@epa.gov>; Ward, Valerie <Ward.Valerie@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Final Disposition, Appeal EPA-HQ-2018-003477 - regarding revised request from Mr. Lustgarten

Hi Jeff,

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From: Gaines, Jeff
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 10:26 AM
To: Shapiro, Melissa <shapiro.melissa@epa.gov>; Williams, LaShawn <williams.lashawn@epa.gov>
Cc: Kohler, Amanda <Kohler.Amanda@epa.gov>; Ward, Valerie <Ward.Valerie@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Final Disposition, Appeal EPA-HQ-2018-003477 - regarding revised request from Mr. Lustgarten

LaShawn and Melissa,

This email asks your official opinion on whether the requestor's revised scope of the subject FOIA is considered 'reasonable.'

Attached is the Agency's FOIA appeal response to Mr. Lustgarten. His response altering the scope of his original request appears below in the email thread.

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Thanks!

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From: Kohler, Amanda
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 10:01 AM
To: Galbraith, Michael <Galbraith.Michael@epa.gov>; Shuster, Kenneth <Shuster.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Gerhard, Sasha <Gerhard.Sasha@epa.gov>; Gaines, Jeff <Gaines.Jeff@epa.gov>; Crosby-Vega, Terri <Crosby-Vega.Terri@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Final Disposition, Appeal EPA-HQ-2018-003477

FYI, here's the latest on the Abrahm FOIA. Jeff is going to follow-up with OGC and Val on next steps.

Amanda Kohler
703-347-8975

From: Abrahm Lustgarten [<mailto:Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org>]
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 5:20 PM
To: Kohler, Amanda <Kohler.Amanda@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Final Disposition, Appeal EPA-HQ-2018-003477

Amanda,

Regarding the below-mentioned (and attached) FOIA request for information about open burn and detonation, I'd like to offer clarification which I hope make a response to my request more manageable. I appreciate the re-opening of this FOIA request following my appeal, and your efforts to take another look. I apologize if we miscommunicated previously.

I'd like to alter the language of the original request so as to ask for all emails (and any attachments) to or from the following people: Ken Shuster, Mike Galbraith, Terri Crosby-Vega, Amanda Kohler, Sasha Gerhard, and Jeffrey Gaines, containing any of the following keywords: "OBOD"; "OB/OD"; "open burn" or "open detonation," during the same timeframe originally requested, since Jan. 1, 2010 to the present.

I hope that helps narrow the request sufficiently, and limits it to a computerized scan of old email.

Thank you,
Abrahm Lustgarten
Senior Reporter, ProPublica
917-589-1262

From: "Williams.Lashawn@epa.gov" <Williams.Lashawn@epa.gov>
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 11:58 AM
To: Abrahm Lustgarten <Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org>
Subject: Final Disposition, Appeal EPA-HQ-2018-003477

Dear Mr. Lustgarten:

Please see the attached appeal determination for the above-referenced appeal. As explained in the determination, your request has been remanded back to the appropriate office, but will *not* be reprocessed in its current form, as it is not a proper request. You must contact Amanda Kohler at kohler.amanda@epa.gov or 703-347-8975 within **10 business days** of today's date to clarify your request. If you do not contact EPA by February 23, 2018, EPA will administratively close your request.

If you have any questions concerning this determination, please contact Melissa Shapiro, at 202-564-2890 or at Shapiro.Melissa@epa.gov.

Thank you.